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SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY LEFTISTS RESUME ATTACK ON ATIQUI

REF: A. KUWAIT 1540 B. KUWAIT 1635

SUMMARY: MIN FINANCE AND OIL ATIQUI AGAIN INTERPELLATED MAY 28, BUT NO NEW CHARGES APPEARED. IN COURSE OF SESSION DEPUTY NIBARI WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING "FOREIGN CONTACTS" AND ADMITTED MANY OF THEM. AT END OF SESSION, NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION TABLED BY 12 DEPUTIES AND WILL BE VOTED JUNE 4. MOTION EXPECTED TO FAIL. END SUMMARY.

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1. AT ASSEMBLY SESSION ON MAY 28 INTERPELLATION OF MIN FINANCE AND OIL (MFO) ATIQUI WAS RESUMED. PROMINENT LABOR DEPUTY SAAD

TAMI ACCUSED MIN OF BEING ARROGANT TOWARD OTHER DEPUTIES, DISRESPECTFUL TO ASSEMBLY AND OF COLLABORATING WITH AMERICANS. DEPUTY JASSEM ISMAIL EMPHASIZED NECESSITY FOR CURTAILING OIL PRODUCTION AND DEMANDED BUNKERING IN KUWAIT PORTS BE HANDLED BY KUWAIT OIL TANKER COMPANY. HE SAID THAT IF ATIQI NOT ABLE TO REGAIN THIS RIGHT FROM FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES HE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THIS TO ASSEMBLY. DEPUTY ABDULLA AL-NIBARI ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF CURTAILING PRODUCTION AND ADVOCATED RESTRICTING OIL PRODUCTION TO AMOUNT WHICH WOULD GENERATE COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS, ESTIMATED AT ONE BILLION DINARS (DOLS 3.5 BILLION).

3. AT THIS POINT VERBAL CLASH OCCURRED WHEN MIN INTERIOR AND DEFENSE SHAIKH SAAD ACCUSED NIBARI OF RECEIVING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUTSIDE KUWAIT FROM TNOSE WHO CALL FOR CHANGE OF REGIME IN KUWAIT.

4. DURING EXCHANGE WITH SHAIKH SAAD, NIBARI ADMITTED FOLLOWING CONTACTS: ISTIQLAL PARTY IN MOROCCO; SOCIALIST FORCES (I.E. UNIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.); ARAB PARTIES OPERATING IN FRANCE, ENGLAND, SWEDEN AND DENMARK; BAATH PARTY IN SYRIA; BAATH PARTY IN IRAQ; ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING IN THE GULF (PFLOAG?); PFLP; PDFLP; ALL GROUPS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION MOVEMENT; NATIONAL FRONTS; PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN YEMEN; PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN SAUDI ARABIA.

4. FOLLOWING CLASH AND COOLING OFF PERIOD NIBARI RESUMED DISCUSSION OF OIL POLICY AND STATED THAT GOK HAD FAILED TO TAKE ANY STEPS TO CONSERVE COUNTRY'S OIL WEALTH AND PREVENT UNNECESSARY FLARING OF GAS. HE ALSO DISCUSSED BUNKERING AND DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT OF KUWAITIS AT OIL COMPANIES.

5. AT END OF DEBATE 12 DEPUTIES TABLED MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE AGAINST MFO ATIQI. UNDER CONSTITUTION, VOTING CANNOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL JUNE 4 ALTHOUGH ATIQI WILL BE TRAVELING ABROAD AT THIS TIME.

6. COMMENT: SESSION WAS ONE OF "HOTTEST" IN KUWAIT PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY. NIBARI'S ADMITTED CONTACTS COME AS NO SURPRISE TO GOK BUT ARE INTERESTING TO HAVE CATALOGUED. A FULL REPORT ON THE PAR-
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LIAMENTARY SESSION WAS CARRIED BY THE ANM POLITICAL WEEKLY AL TALIAH OF JUNE 1.

7. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION IN ATIQI WILL FAIL JUST AS THE MOTION AGAINST MINISTER COMMERCE & INDUSTRY ADASANI FAILED ABOUT A MONTH AGO.
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